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ATLA TO MEET IN HARTFORD IN 1962

Dr. Connolly C. Gamble, Jr., president of the American Theological Library Association, has announced that the Association has accepted the invitation of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Connecticut, to hold its sixteenth annual conference on the campus of that institution. The conference will meet Wednesday through Friday, June 13-15, 1962. Mr. Dikran Y. Hadidian, Librarian of the Case Memorial Library, will act as host to the ATLA. Preliminary announcements regarding the conference program will appear in the February issue of the Newsletter.

EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The editor of the Newsletter wishes to draw attention to the fact that every library which holds an institutional membership in the ATLA is entitled to receive the Newsletter regularly on this institutional membership, if it so desires. When the Newsletter was established, the Association instructed the editor to send institutional copies only to those member libraries which were not represented on the membership list by the personal membership of one or more of its staff members. This policy was devised and has been followed as an economy measure and since so much mail bearing only an institutional address is known to go to offices where it is not wanted or used and is thus wasted.

Any librarian, however, who wishes to have a copy of the Newsletter for his library in addition to those received by himself and his staff on their personal memberships, need only request that the editor add that library to the Newsletter mailing list, provided that the library holds an institutional membership in the ATLA. Librarians who file such a request are asked to specify the exact address which should be used on the institutional copy. The editor of the Newsletter should be addressed at the Divinity School Library, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

NINE NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED TO ATLA

The following persons have recently been admitted to membership in the ATLA:

Full members:

- Mr. William Richard Denton, 135 East 7th Street, Claremont, California
- Mr. Irving Erickson, North Park Theological Seminary, 3225 Foster Avenue, Chicago 25, Illinois
- Miss Jean Fenimore, Missionary Research Library, 3041 Broadway, New York 27, New York
- Dr. Herbert C. Jackson, Missionary Research Library, 3041 Broadway, New York 27, New York
- Mr. James J. Michael, 6453 San Bonita, St. Louis 5, Missouri
- Mr. Benno W. Salewski, Concordia Seminary, 801 De Mun Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri
- Mrs. Jean W. Vickers, Divinity School Library, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

Associate members:

- Mr. Donald D. Dennis, Serials Department, Drexel Institute of Technology Library, Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania
- Mr. John Sayre, 1603 Ridgehaven, Austin, Texas

COMMITTEE ON REPRINTING ASKS SUGGESTIONS

Mr. Roscoe M. Pierson, Chairman of the Committee on Reprinting, requests that ATLA members send him their suggestions of titles which need to be reprinted and which, consequently, his committee ought to consider. He requests that special thought be given to choosing books which were originally published more than fifty-six years ago and which, therefore, are in the public domain. Mr. Pierson should be addressed at The College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky.

STARR KING PREPARES MANUSCRIPTS FOR RESEARCH USE

The Earl Morse Wilbur Library of the Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, California, is presently engaged in cataloging its collection of the papers and manuscripts of several leading liberal American clergymen of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Among the figures represented are Thomas Starr King, Horatio Stebbins, Charles W. Wendte, and Theodore Parker. Dr. Arnold Crompton is the Library Director and Mrs. George F. Patterson is the Librarian.

GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY DEDICATES
NEW MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

In ceremonies which were held on October 16, 1961, the General Theological Seminary in New York City dedicated its new multi-purpose building which houses the Saint Mark's Library. The new building replaces three former buildings and contains, in addition to the library, administrative offices, twenty dormitory rooms, three apartments, a book store, a recreation area, and the Deanery. The cost of the structure, about sixty percent of which is devoted to the library, was \$2,040,000.

The total area of the library is 28,071 square feet, used in the following manner: reading space, 2,322 square feet; area presently devoted to book stacks, 11,808 square feet; area available for future stack space, 9,867 square feet; staff working area, 2,068 square feet; and other library space, 1,006 square feet. The present book holdings are about 130,000 volumes. Existing book capacity is 160,000 volumes; and equipping of the area available for future stacks will increase the capacity to 300,000.

The second floor of the new building houses the main operations of the Saint Mark's Library. Here are located the circulation desk, the card catalog, the periodical reading area, the reserve book reading area, the Christian education area, the reference area, a stack area, and the work area consisting of the Librarian's office, order department, cataloging room, and bindery in one integrated functional unit.

The third floor houses the main stack area with research carrels; and the entire fourth floor, now undeveloped, is available as a stack room when expansion of the book collection necessitates its use. In addition, the basic structure of the building is such that two more floor levels may be added at will.

The Rare Book Room is two stories in height with the main floor located on the first floor of the new building and the balcony opening from the second. It is built to house, in addition to the Seminary's general rare book collection, the Gutenberg Bible, the Latin and English Bible Collections, the Book of Common Prayer and Liturgical Collections, and the Early English Theology Collection.

The architects for the building were O'Connor and Kilham, and the general contractor was Barr and Barr. In the Library, the Remington Rand Library Bureau supplied much of the furniture, except the chairs, designed by O'Connor and Kilham and made by the Milwaukee Chair Company, and the tables, made by Alco Art of Long Island City, New York. The Estey Corporation of Red Bank, New Jersey, supplied the steel shelving; and Noroco Woodwork of Norwalk, Connecticut, fabricated the main circulation desk and the appointments for the Rare Book Room. The color schemes throughout the building were planned by Miss Teresa Kilham.

Dr. Niels Henry Sonne is the Librarian of the Saint Mark's Library.

COLUMBIA TO OFFER COURSE IN THEOLOGICAL LIBRARIANSHIP

A course in "Theological Literature and Librarianship" (S8262G) will be offered at the Columbia University School of Library Service in New York City in the coming Summer Session (July 2 - August 10, 1962). It will be taught by Mr. Robert F. Beach, Librarian of the Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

The course will survey and evaluate library resources in theology, with particular attention to the organization and administration of the Protestant seminary library. Attention will be given to the selection and acquisition of materials. Miss Ruth C. Eisenhart, Head Cataloger at Union, will have particular responsibility for the unit of the course dealing with classification and cataloging. The Union Library will serve as a workshop-observation collection. Each participant in the course will be encouraged to work through a project or problem associated with his present or future professional responsibility.

The course will meet daily at 11:00 a.m. at the Union Theological Seminary Library. Tuition for the 3-credit course is \$120, in addition to which there is a University registration fee of \$10. College graduates with training or experience in library work, or other special reasons for taking the course, may apply for admission. Application forms may be obtained from the School of Library Service, Columbia University, New York 27, New York.

PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES
MICROFILMING PROGRAM

The Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, recently announced that it will microfilm any paper or thesis which the Society considers to have sufficient interest for the study of the history of Presbyterianism or material relating to Presbyterianism. The microfilming will be done at no expense to the author.

This service is intended primarily for the reproduction of graduate theses, seminar papers, research projects, scholarly manuscripts, and other results of original research. Undergraduate term papers and papers largely from secondary sources do not fall within the purpose of this program, although papers of special merit in this category will be given careful consideration by the Society, if requested.

In order to make such material available to any interested persons or institutions, the Society proposes to offer microfilmed copies at cost.

Before sending a manuscript, an author should write to the Society, giving the title of the manuscript and a brief explanation of the subject. Questions not covered by this announcement will be answered immediately upon request. Please address inquiries to the Presbyterian Historical Society, 520 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania.

DUKE UNIVERSITY ACQUIRES MASSIVE COLLECTION OF
WESLEYANA AND BRITISH METHODISTICA

The Duke University Libraries, Durham, North Carolina, have recently acquired by purchase what is believed to be the most extensive collection of Wesleyana and British Methodistica to be found outside of England. Numbering more than 17,500 items, the collection contains 1,500 volumes by John and Charles Wesley; 8,000 volumes relating to the development of the Methodist movement in England; 4,000 volumes relating to the social and religious background of British Methodism; and approximately 4,000 manuscripts and documents by the Wesleys and others prominent in the history of British Methodism.

The 1,500 editions which make up the Wesleyana collection constitute about half of the 3,000 Wesley publications known to exist. Among them are nearly 300 first editions, along with ten rare ephemera which are not listed in previously published Wesley bibliographies. Nearly 500 of the 1,500 items appear to be unique on the American continent, and a few unique in the world. Items of particular note in the Wesleyana collection include the only complete set in any library of the annual "penny minutes" of the Methodist Conferences during Wesley's lifetime, the largest collection in America of Wesley's tracts, over thirty editions of Wesley's Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People Called Methodists, seventeen editions of his Primitive Physick including the first and the last published during his lifetime, and a first edition of Wesley's first published sermon, "Where the Wicked Cease from Trembling."

The collection of British Methodistica is particularly rich in the general field of ephemera, in periodicals, in biography and local history, and in hymnology. It is also strong in the basic literature of Methodist devotion, theology, and administration during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, including broad collections of the writings in their original editions of George Whitefield, John Fletcher, Thomas Coke, and Adam Clarke. It includes much material produced outside the Methodist movement in reaction to it, and is strong in the literature of internal Methodist controversy and of the offshoots of the parent Wesleyan Methodists.

The collection was purchased by Duke from Dr. Frank Baker, formerly of Hull, England, and for sixteen years secretary of the Wesley Historical Society in England, who is now teaching in the Divinity School and the Department of Religion at Duke University. It will continue to bear his name as the Frank Baker Collection of Wesleyana and British Methodism and will be housed mostly in the Duke Divinity School Library, with certain appropriate portions of it going to the Rare Book Room and Manuscript Department of the University's General Library.

Dr. Benjamin E. Powell is the University Librarian at Duke and Mr. Donn Michael Farris is Librarian of the Divinity School.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

Mr. Eugene Craig has resigned his position as Librarian of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, to join the library staff of Morris Brown College in Atlanta.

Dr. James S. Irvine, Librarian of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, received the Master of Library Science degree from the Library School of the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh on June 13, 1961.

Miss Maria Jaeger has joined the staff of the San Francisco Theological Seminary Library in San Anselmo, California, as a cataloger. She received the Master of Science in Library Science degree from the University of California School of Librarianship in Berkeley in June 1961.

Mr. Robert W. Jahns has accepted a position as cataloger at the San Francisco Theological Seminary Library in San Anselmo, California. Mr. Jahns received the degree of Master of Science in Library Science from the School of Librarianship of the University of California in Berkeley in June 1961.

Mrs. Evah Kincheloe has been named Acting Librarian of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, succeeding Mr. Eugene Craig. Mrs. Kincheloe had been serving as Associate Librarian of the institution since the summer of 1960.

The Reverend John W. Montgomery, Chairman of the Department of History at Waterloo University College, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, published an article entitled "Can We Recover the Christian Devotional Life?" in the September 25, 1961, issue of Christianity Today (vol. 5, no. 25, pp. 1067-1072). The article was accompanied by a list of 100 Select Devotional Books which are currently in print.

Mr. Elmer J. O'Brien became Reference-Circulation Librarian of the Boston University School of Theology Library, Boston, Massachusetts, on August 1, 1961. Mr. O'Brien received his training at the Iliff School of Theology and the University of Denver Library School, both in Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Pamela Quiers, Librarian of the Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota, has resigned her position effective in January 1962, and will immediately thereafter become Librarian of the Saint Paul School of Theology, in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt, Librarian and Professor of Bibliography at the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, published an article entitled "Keys to Religious Periodical Literature" in the November 1961 issue of the McCormick Quarterly (vol. 15, no. 1, pp. 34-39).

The Reverend Robert Scoon, B.A., M.A., M.Sc. in L.S., L.Th., became Assistant Librarian of Bloomfield College and its Institute for Christian Leadership in Bloomfield, New Jersey, on September 1, 1961. Mr. Scoon is a native of Wyoming and was educated at the University of Western Ontario, the University of Southern California, Western Reserve University, Wittenberg University, and Huron College in London, Ontario, Canada. From 1956 to 1961 he served as an Anglican parish priest in Ontario; and he is now also serving as the assistant at Grace Episcopal Church in Orange, New Jersey.

Miss Shirley Tan has recently joined the staff of the Boston University School of Theology Library, Boston, Massachusetts. She holds the M. S. in L. S. degree from the Library School of the George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee. For a year prior to coming to Boston, Miss Tan served as Reference Assistant in the public library system in Queens, New York.

PERIODICALS - BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Volume one, number one of the Journal of Religion and Health, dated October 1961, has just been published by The Academy of Religion and Mental Health. It will appear quarterly.

In its announcement of the new publication the Academy said: "The purpose of the journal is to bring to those engaged in the various disciplines with which the Academy is concerned:--namely, religion, medical science, psychiatry, psychology, sociology, social work, and cultural anthropology--significant studies in the relationships among these fields; reports of basic research; and reviews of pertinent books."

The subscription rate is \$5.00 a year; and single copies are priced at \$1.50. Subscriptions should be sent to The Academy of Religion and Mental Health, 16 East 34th Street, New York 16, New York.

Religion in Education ceased publication with volume 28, no. 3 (Summer, 1961). Its functions have been incorporated into Learning for Living, announced elsewhere in this column.

PERIODICALS - BIRTHS AND DEATHS - Continued

Learning for Living: A Journal of Christian Education began publication earlier this fall with volume one, number one, dated September, 1961. It supersedes the periodical Religion in Education and will be issued in September, November, January, March, and May by the SCM Press in London. It is the journal of the Institute of Christian Education and is also sponsored by the Student Christian Movement in Schools and by the British Council of Churches (Education Department).

The subscription rate is 9 shillings a year, postage free. Subscriptions should be sent to the SCM Press, Ltd., 50 Bloomsbury Street, London W C 1, England.

The first issue of Studia Liturgica: An International Ecumenical Quarterly for Liturgical Research and Renewal will appear in Holland in January 1962. The editor is Pastor Wiebe Vos and the associate editor is Pastor Doctor Rudolf Boon.

In the brochure announcing the new journal the editors write: "The Ecumenical Movement can no longer avoid the study of Worship in its widest sense, nor can Worship properly be studied without Ecumenical co-operation. This is not only felt in the so-called 'liturgically-minded' branches of the Church, but also in those branches which did not formerly lay any emphasis on liturgical life. It is therefore the first purpose of this new Quarterly to establish a means by which the people in all the Churches who are dealing with liturgical research and renewal, can meet one another and exchange ideas.

"Its character will therefore be different from most theological magazines. It will not only be a reservoir of contributions (which may or may not be read) but it will be and, we hope, will more and more become, the organ of a working group whose members will be invited to comment on each other's papers. Every reader will thus be a potential collaborator. Various subjects will be dealt with until we have arrived at a common opinion. Often this may last a long time, but we will not leave any topics until we have reached some common conclusions about them. In this way we hope to contribute something to an Ecumenical Theology of Liturgy and thus help to prepare the way for a Theology of the One Church.

"Apart from the general articles, notes and comments, we propose to choose a main theme which will last some years. For the first three years this will be CHRISTIAN INITIATION.

"Under the heading LITURGICAL EVENTS information on the new developments in the field of liturgical practice will be provided: the results of the Liturgical Movement in the various Churches, new rites and service books, Study Conferences, recent works of Art, Church Music and Church Architecture.

"And last, but not least, some common Projects will be suggested, which could be dealt with by the study groups in the various churches—e.g. the composing of a lectionary—in order to avoid

PERIODICALS - BIRTHS AND DEATHS - Continued

the churches working separately on topics of common interest, the common results of which might anticipate something of the future life of the United Church.

"We intend to keep our readers informed about all possible developments in the fields of liturgical research and liturgical life. Apart from the usual Book reviews we hope to publish a Bibliography on index cards, classifying the titles according to certain rubrics, beginning with the books and articles of the past year and giving a brief summary of each of them. Later we hope to complete this by also indexing the main literature of the past which have dealt with Liturgy, Church Music and Church Architecture.

"In order to reach as many as possible we shall give English summaries of articles published originally in French or German. If it proves to be better to publish all the contributions in English with a summary in French and German, we are also prepared to do this."

Each issue of Studia Liturgica will contain sixty-four pages and from fifty to one hundred index cards for the Liturgical Bibliography. Subscriptions are \$3.50 a year; and orders should be sent to Studia Liturgica, Mathenesserlaan 301c, Rotterdam, Holland.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT NOTES

Announcement was made recently of the final decision to move Bethel Theological Seminary to a new campus in suburban Arden Hills, five miles north of its present site in St. Paul, Minnesota. The new buildings should be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1964. Preliminary planning has been under way for several years; final building designs are in progress. The new campus, comprising an area of between 100 and 200 acres when land negotiations are completed, will ultimately include Bethel College. An important reason for moving is the desire to secure adequate room for expansion. At the time of moving, the seminary library collection will be separated from the present college-seminary library. The new library within the seminary complex is being designed to house a collection of 100,000 volumes. Mr. David Guston is the Librarian.

The North American Baptist Theological Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has scheduled the dedication of its new library building for December 8. The two-story brick structure has cost approximately \$150,000. It provides adequate study space for the Seminary's present enrollment as well as room for expansion of this area as the student body increases. The new building also contains stack shelving for 37,000 volumes, housing for audio-visual materials, space for the Seminary's denominational collection, and staff offices. The Remington Rand Library Bureau is supplying the furnishings. Miss Joyce Ringering is the Librarian.

MICROFILM FINDER-READER SYSTEM TO BE DEVELOPED

A grant of \$27,070 for construction of a model of a relatively inexpensive microfilm finder-reader system for library use has been announced by the Council on Library Resources, Inc.

The work will be under the supervision of Peter Scott, Head of the Microreproduction Laboratory of the Libraries, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and will be carried out jointly by the Microreproduction Laboratory and Edgerton, Germeshausen & Grier, Inc., 160 Brookline Avenue, Boston. The grant will be administered by the Library Technology Project of the American Library Association.

The project, which results from two years of preparatory research by M.I.T. and the Council on Library Resources, provides for construction of a model finder-reader system compatible with the general design of existing, commercially available microfilm readers.

The intent of the project is to make possible elimination of an inherent weakness in roll microfilm systems--the reader's inability to search through a long roll for the material he is seeking without wasting time. This irritating inconvenience has been a major deterrent to the greater use of roll microfilm.

The combining of short lengths of film into rolls 100 or more feet long is another possibility offered by the proposed system, since rapid access to any item will be possible. The combining of rolls would provide more convenient access to related materials and reduce storage space. The mechanism as planned will be equipped with a stroboscopic finding device which will enable the reader to observe an index continuously while the film is in rapid motion. The index may consist of actual text although code symbols or numbers are alternatives. Development and construction of the model are expected to be completed in approximately twelve months.

There are at present a number of complex systems combining microfilm and electronics. While these searching or sorting systems are effective, the equipment is expensive. It is hoped that in the system to be developed the cost of equipment and film will be modest.

ANDOVER-HARVARD LIBRARY ACQUIRES LITURGICAL COLLECTION

The Andover-Harvard Theological Library of the Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, has recently received the very extensive collection of liturgical materials prepared for use in St. Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie in New York City. In addition to the manuscript working copies, there are numerous duplicates of most of the individual services in booklet form. These were prepared by Dr. William Norman Guthrie and were given to the Library by his daughters. Mr. James Tanis, the Librarian, announces that, as long as the supply lasts, he will be glad to send as complete sets as possible of these various works to librarians requesting them. He should be addressed at the Andover-Harvard Theological Library, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts.

